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FOR THE COORDINATOR FOR MAPS AND PUBLICATIONS

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SUBJECT: MAPS: MAPPING OF TUNIS REGION

REF: STATE 55103, TUNIS 0637, DICKSON TO BRAYSHAW LETTER
DATED FEBRUARY 4, 1976

1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED MAPPING PROJECT FOR TUNIS REGION WITH DISTRICT OF TUNIS OFFICIAL (WOODFORD) ON BASIS INFORMATION PROVIDED IN STATE 55103 AND DICKSON LETTER. WOODFORD REITERATED THAT DISTRICT OF TUNIS IS NOT INTERESTED IN NEW MAP THAT COVERS AREA DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 1A OF STATE 55103. THE NEW MAP IS NEEDED FOR PLANNING IN GREATER TUNIS AREA; IMPORTAT NEW RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND MOST NEW INDUSTRIAL ZONES WILL REMAIN OUTSIDE AREA COVERED BY DMA PROPOSED UPDATING OF 1962 MAP. THE DISTRICT IS WILLING, HOWEVER, TO PAY FOR COST OF NEW MAP IF DMA IS WILLING TO WORK ON THIS BASIS.

2. IN MAKING REQUEST FOR DMA ASSISTANCE IN PREPARATION OF NEW MAP, WOODFORD PROVIDED MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON AREA THAT DISTRICT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE COVERED AND NATURE OF MAP NEEDED. THE NEW MAP SHOLD COVER AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 500 SQ. KILOMETERS IN THREE SHEETS, EACH OF WHICH COVERS 15 KM BY 15 KM. HE PROVIDED A 1:50,000
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DYELINE MAP OUTLINING THE AREA DESIRED (A COPY WILL BE

FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT VIA AIR POUCH). WOODFORD EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY OF MAKING MAP AT 1:10,000 SCALE FOR GREATER USEFULNESS TO DISTRICT IN PLANNING. DISTRICT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO STANDARDIZE NOMENCLATURE ON MAP IN FRENCH, IN PLACE OF THE MELANGE OF FRENCH, ENGLISH, TRANSLITERATED ARABIC, AND ITALIA ON THE 1962 MAP. FINALLY, DISTRICT WOULD LIKE NEW MAP TO BE PRINTED IN SAME NUMBER OF COLORS USED ON 1962 MAP.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE IF DMA IS WILLING TO WORK WITH DISTRICT OF TUNIS IN PREPARATION OF NEW, EXPANDED MAP, WHAT THE COSTS OF PREPARATION ARE LIKELY TO BE, IN WHAT TIME FRAME THE NEW MAP CAN BE PRODUCED, AND IF DISTRICT PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES CAN BE SATISFIED. SEELYE

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